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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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Subject: UBR V, Yuri

Source : Dr Kl, Eu

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1. On 29 Jan 1967 Subject visited in company of Dr Kl and Eve Eugen at his home, from 15.00 hrs to approx. 21.00 hrs, where they arrived by Dr Kl's car from her home. The visit was prearranged during Subject's appearance at the Round Table Club on 27 Jan 1967. Subject and other guests (KOROZYK Volodymyr and ARTYMYSHYN Yuri fo New York) were treated with drinks and dinner. The conversation was quite lively though Subject did not reveal anything sensational. After they left Eugen's home , Subject suggested to Dr Kl she showed him Harlem and Bronx, which she did, together with Eve. From Bronx they went to Bear Mountains and from there to Kl's villa in the countryside. They returned to New York at 6 a.m. Dr Kl brought Subject directly from her villa to the Mission .

2. Following is the gist of what Subject told Sources on various occasions:

a/ Subject confirmed again the Sheshory incident in the aftermath of which about 200 people were arrested but then immediately released. According to Subject the attendance at the unveiling ceremony was massive indeed, many people came from Ivanofrankivsk, Lvov, Kiev, and even CSR. ^(Presov-area) Subject himself was not there but was told about it by a friend of his who went there as conductor of a student choir from Lvov.

b/ Otherwise about 100 people were arrested in bigger cities of the Ukraine but only 20 or so tried. As far as he was informed, in Kiev more people were imprisoned than in Lvov. He claimed that only 4 people were tried in Lvov.

Subject blamed both sides for the arrests and trials, i.e. the arrested and the authorities. In his opinion, both went too far. The arrested were utopians and aspired to the impossible. They were engaged in explicitly anti-governmental activities, were writing and disseminating nationalist propaganda, and "organized themselves" under various pretexts.

The authorities overestimated the whole matter and struck too harshly. The effect was just the opposite to what they hoped to achieve. Instead of subduing nationalist sentiments they only increased them and by now they realized ^{it} pretty well. It was, however, too late. Subject was sure that in case something like that would happen again the authorities would be much more circumspect.

c/ There ^{are} no chances as of present for a restoration of Ukrainian Catholic Church in West Ukraine. The regime would have to retreat and withdraw many of its previous decisions and this was impossible.

d/ To a great extent Ukrainians themselves were responsible for inroads of Russification into Ukrainian fabric. But this was not as bad as people abroad assumed. He gave some examples, among them the following: authorities in Lvov, under pressure of Ukrainian intelligentsia, took away two children from a Russian lady after her husband (VASYLEVICH) died in an air-crash. This was done because the widow wanted to send them to a Russian school. On another occasion, Ukrainian intelligentsia of Lvov did not approve the marriage of a known Ukrainian to a Russian and the man was ostracized for a long time. Subject did not approve of such extremes but he mentioned them as an example of how "wild" the reactions of some Ukrainians was.

e/ Subject discovered a complete ignorance of Western intelligentsia, particularly in the States on things Ukrainians. In his expression, the West was 100 years back in knowledge and understanding of nationalities question in the USSR.

3. Subject saw ^{no} need for Ukrainian diplomatic representation abroad and in his opinion ^{Ukrainian} cultural attaches at Soviet embassies will do the job.

4. Subject stressed that it was important SHELEST had expressed himself clearly in favor of Ukrainization. This fact should not be underestimated. Also HONCHAR's speech was very significant. (He referred to the Congress of the Union of Writers of Ukraine, of Nov 1966). Subject's line is, however, the following: "full rights" and Ukrainization in the Ukraine in cultural matters, but all-union "unity" in economic and political domains. He expected the new Constitution to be worked out along this line. In short - culture must be Ukrainian, economics and politics - all-union.

5. According to Subject there are several Ukrainian schools in Kazakhstan. In his opinion, this matter belonged to internal competences of individual republics. When faced with examples of rights of Russian ^{as against the situation of Ukrainians in the Russian SFSR} minority in the Ukraine, Subject gave up and switched to another topic.

6. Subject claimed to know nothing about the Lawyers' Case and thought it to be improbable.

7. Subject promised to convey to SMOLVCH and LEVISHCHENKO Dr Kl's criticism of their activities. Dr Kl attacked in particular recent slanderous publications of the Society for Cultural Contacts with Ukrainians Abroad.

8. Subject was very much impressed by Dr Kl's villa and particularly by the trailer. When Dr Kl touched on the topic of his eventual defection ("staying in the West and having such a nice trailer") Subject replied half jokingly, half seriously: "And so what? I would be a sensation for 2-3 weeks and then what? They wouldn't make me director of the Metropolitan Opera, would they?" Then he added that as a Ukrainian he "would be eaten up pretty soon anyway".

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9. On the way from Washington Bridge to Carpathian Mountains Subject seemed to be keenly interested in various localities and wanted to know whether they ^{were} passing by any airports. He thought they were near Newark Airport.

10. About himself Subject told the following:

He is not a party member. His wife is Ukrainian and teaches at the Lvov Conservatory. She earns Rubel 12.- p.m. Subject earns Rubel 400.- p.m. as Opera Director, and Rubel 12.- as Professor of Lvov Conservatory.

They have a 12 year old daughter. Subject's wife likes nature, he- too. They go often to Carpathian Mountains. Subject is also a good hunter and has 5 rifles. Both like camping.

Subject has his own car. They occupy an apartment in Lvov consisting of 4 rooms. The rent is Rubel 12.- p.m.

11. According to Sources, Subject is a very intelligent, well mannered, clever individual who "can talk much and interesting but without saying anything substantial". He is very smooth, very cautious, and hard to be provoked. He seems to know exactly what to say under given circumstances and takes pains not to let compromise himself in any way.

His main concern is his career and good life and his "political contribution" seems to be a cold-blooded calculation motivated by opportunism only.